

HOUSE BILL 412  
By Hargrove

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 9; Title 38, Chapter 7 and Title 68, Chapter 3, Part 5, relative to coroners and deputy coroners.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 9, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

§ 8-9-107. In addition to the persons authorized by title 68, chapter 3, part 5, a coroner or deputy coroner may make the actual determination and pronouncement of death and order an autopsy as needed provided the following conditions exist:

- (1) The coroner or deputy coroner is a licensed EMT, paramedic, registered nurse or physician's assistant;
- (2) The coroner or deputy coroner works under the direct supervision of the appointed medical examiner for the county; and
- (3) The medical examiner for the county agrees to sign the death certificate in all such cases.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.